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Letter dated 24 April 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I refer to the letter from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/69/821-S/2015/192), which represents another of Armenia's persistent, but futile attempts to spread myths and fabrications and to portray itself as a victim.

The letter evidently testifies to Armenia's policy of denial of its responsibility for and diverting the attention of the international community from atrocious crimes it has committed against civilians in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan, including the Khojaly massacre.

Documents A/67/753-S/2013/106 and A/68/853-S/2014/298 fully refute Armenia's assertions and accusations.

Armenia, which frequently refers to and claims the so-called "historical responsibilities" of other United Nations Member States, has been failing to recognize its own, despite the numerous facts proving its direct responsibility for the seizure and continued occupation of the territories of the Republic of Azerbaijan and illegal settlement policies in those occupied territories in violation of international law.

It is a highly regrettable and yet predictable fact that the Republic of Armenia continues to pursue fait accompli policy, since its leadership glorifies the aggression against the Republic of Azerbaijan as its victory.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 33 and 38, and of the Security Council.

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